

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-12, 14, 16-26 and 28-35 are pending in this application. Claim 17 is allowed. Claim 12 has been canceled. Claims 1, 8, 14, 20, 23, 26 and 33 have been amended.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-12, 14, 19, 20, 23, 26, 28, 29, 32 and 33 are rejected under 35 USC 112 for failing to particularly point out the invention. The Examiner has requested that in claims 1, 23, 26 and 33 after the formula the phrase starting with "wherein" and ending with "absent" should be changed to read --wherein both dashed lines complete a carbon-carbon double bond, or both are absent--. Applicants have amended claims 1, 23, 26 and 33 by deletion of the word "are" and the addition of the word "complete" after the word "lines" and before the words "a carbon-carbon" in each of the claims in question. The Examiner has pointed out that claim 12, which includes the possibility that only one of the dashed lines is absent, is not supported by the specification. Applicants have canceled claim 12. Applicants have also canceled claim 31 since it depends from claim 27 which was deleted in the amendment filed on April 30, 2003.

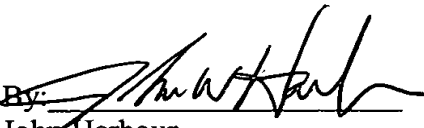
Applicants have deleted the words "or both" in the last line of claim 8 and have added the word "or" before the word "(piperidyl)-" in the next to the last line of claim 14 as requested by the Examiner. In addition, applicants added the word "or" before the word "(piperidyl)-" in the last line of claim 20.

Reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-12, 14, 19, 20, 23, 26, 28, 29, 32 and 33 under 35 USC 112 is courteously requested.

Claims 16, 18, 21, 22, 24, 25, 30, 31, 34 and 35 are deemed to be allowable but are objected to for depending from a non-allowable claim. It is believed that the claims as amended are now allowable; no need is seen therefore to write claims 16, 18, 21, 22, 24, 25, 30, 31, 34 and 35 in independent form.

In view of the amendments herein being made to the claims, it is believed that all of the outstanding rejections and objections have been removed. Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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